

**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Office of the Secretary****Reports, Forms and Recordkeeping Requirements; Agency Information Collection Activity Under OMB Review**

**AGENCY:** Office of the Secretary, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice.

**SUMMARY:** In accordance with the Paperwork Reduction Act of 1995 (44 U.S.C. Chapter 3501, *et seq.*) the Department of Transportation has submitted the following Information Collection Request (ICR) abstracted below to the Office of Management and Budget (OMB) for review and clearance. The ICR describes the nature of the information collections and their expected burden. The **Federal Register** Notice requesting an emergency approval on this collection of information was published on March 6, 1998 (61 FR page 11326).

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** Mr. Ladd Hakes, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Transportation, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590, 202/366-4268; refer to the control number above.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Office of the Secretary**

*Title:* Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to State and Local Governments.

*OMB Control Number:* 2105-0520.

*Type of Request:* Extension of a current approved collection.

*Form(s):* SF424, SF269, S7270, SF271, SF272.

*Affected Public:* State and local governments receiving Federal financial assistance from the Department of Transportation (DOT).

*Abstract:* Requirements for Federal administration of financial assistance to State and Local governments is provided to affected Executive agencies via a common grant management rule, codified by DOT at 49 CFR part 18, Uniform Administrative Requirements for Grants and Cooperative Agreements to States and Local governments. The Office of Management and Budget (OMB) provides management and oversight of the common rule. OMB also provides for a standard figure of seventy (70) annual burden hours per grantee for completion of required forms.

*Estimated Annual Burden Hours:* 125,650 hours.

**ADDRESSES:** Send comments to the Office of Information and Regulatory Affairs, Office of Management and Budget, 725-17th Street, NW,

Washington, DC 20503, Attention DOT Desk Officer.

Comments are invited on: whether the proposed collection of information is necessary for the proper performance of the functions of the Department, including whether the information will have practical utility; the accuracy of the Department's estimate of the burden of the proposed information collection; ways to enhance the quality, utility and clarity of the information to be collected; and ways to minimize the burden of the collection of information on respondents, including the use of automated collection techniques or other forms of information technology.

A comment to OMB is best assured of having its full effect if OMB receives it within 30 days of publication.

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**DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION****Coast Guard**

[USCG-1998-4298]

**U.S. Delegation to the International Maritime Organization's Ballast Water Working Group**

**AGENCY:** Coast Guard, DOT.

**ACTION:** Notice of meetings; request for comments.

**SUMMARY:** The U.S. Delegation to the Ballast Water Working Group (BWWG) of the Marine Environment Protection Committee (MEPC) of the International Maritime Organization (IMO) is conducting three public meetings in preparation for the 42nd session of the MEPC. This session is scheduled for November 2-6, 1998, in London, United Kingdom. All of the U.S. Delegation's meetings will be open to the public. The Coast Guard also solicits comments to develop its position for treaty negotiations for a possible annex to the International Convention on the Prevention of Pollution from Ships (MARPOL 73/78).

**DATES:** The public meetings are scheduled for the following times. The meetings will convene at the times indicated; however, they may be concluded early if their business is finished: (1) Monday, August 31, 1998, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.; (2) Thursday, September 10, 1998, from 2 p.m. to 5

p.m.; and (3) Thursday, October 15, 1998, from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m.

Written material and requests to make oral presentations should reach the Coast Guard at least five days before the date of the meeting you wish to attend. All comments must reach the Docket Management Facility on or before October 20, 1998; however, you are highly encouraged to submit your comments prior to the last meeting to facilitate discussion.

**ADDRESSES:** All meetings will be held at the Department of Transportation, Nassif Building, 400 Seventh Street, SW., Washington, DC 20590. This is near the L'Enfant Plaza stations of both the Metro subway and the Virginia Railway Express (VRE) train service. The August 31, meeting will be held in Room 3328, the September 10, meeting in Room 6200, and the October 15, meeting in Room 3328.

You may mail your comments to the Docket Management Facility, (USCG-1998-4298), U.S. Department of Transportation, room PL-401, 400 Seventh Street SW., Washington, DC 20590-0001, or deliver them to room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building at the same address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. The telephone number is 202-366-9329.

The Docket Management Facility maintains the public docket for this rulemaking. Comments, and documents as indicated in this notice, will become part of this docket and will be available for inspection or copying at room PL-401 on the Plaza level of the Nassif Building at the same address between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., Monday through Friday, except Federal holidays. You may also access the docket on the Internet at <http://dms.dot.gov>.

**FOR FURTHER INFORMATION CONTACT:** For questions on this notice, or persons interested in presenting information at the meetings, contact Lieutenant Mary Pat McKeown, Office of Operating and Environmental Standards (G-MSO), telephone 202-267-0500, fax 202-267-4690, or electronic mail [mmckeown@comdt.uscg.mil](mailto:mmckeown@comdt.uscg.mil). For questions on viewing, or submitting material to, the docket, contact Ms. Dorothy Walker, Chief, Dockets, Department of Transportation, telephone 202-366-9329.

**SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION:****Request for Comments**

The Coast Guard encourages interested persons to participate in the preparation of the U.S. position on treaty negotiations for a possible annex to the International Convention on the